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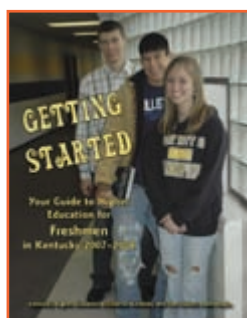
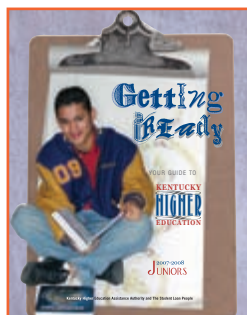
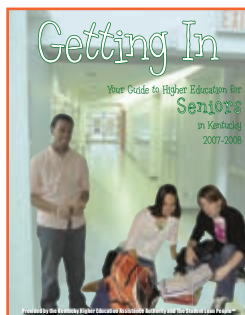
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HIGH SCHOOL

2007–2008 publications are being distributed

The 2007–2008 versions of *Getting In*, *Getting Ready*, *Getting Set* and *Getting Started* from KHEAA and The Student Loan People will soon be delivered to your school.

The publications are being sent directly to counselors for distribution to students. We ask that you distribute to all students, not just those who are college-bound.

If you need more copies of these publications, please contact the Publications Section at the mailing address, phone number or e-mail address above. These publications are also available online at www.kheaa.com.



Students encouraged to enter scholarship, photo contest

Students from your school have a chance to be featured on next year's covers and inside the books of *Getting In*, *Getting Ready*, *Getting Set*, and *Getting Started* — and one of your juniors may win a \$500 college scholarship.

Last fall, Megan Stewart from Trimble County High School submitted the winning essay in the KHEAA scholarship contest. Stewart was awarded a \$500 scholarship, and she and other Trimble County students are featured in this year's publications.



Megan Stewart
Essay Contest Winner

KHEAA will award a \$500 scholarship, usable at the Kentucky college of the winner's choice, to the junior who does the best job of telling us why his or her high school is the best in the state. In addition, someone from KHEAA will come to that school to take pictures for use in KHEAA publications.

Entries must be no longer than 200 words. They can be mailed to Publications, KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798, faxed to 502.696.7373, or e-mailed to publications@kheaa.com. The deadline for receiving entries is November 1.

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Kentucky's trusted source for grants, scholarships and loans.

Students can win MP3 Player in GoHigherKY.org contest

It is that time of year again, with a new array of students in the halls and in the classroom; students you want to see grow and become the young adults that you know they are capable of becoming by continuing their education beyond high school. To assist you in your endeavors, KHEAA and The Student Loan People will again be providing an incentive to students who have not yet created an online account at GoHigherKY.org by providing an opportunity to win an MP3 Player. During 2006, the contest was a success and students not only gained valuable information regarding Kentucky colleges and universities, financial aid and scholarship opportunities, but a chance to have their favorite music at their fingertips.

The contest began in August and runs through May, with each month's winner being announced on the 15th of the following month. Who knows, KHEAA and The Student Loan People may visit your school to give your student the prize!

Pennie Little joins GoHigherKY.org

Pennie Little has joined The Student Loan People and KHEAA as a student financial assistance administrator working with GoHigherKY.org. Pennie is a graduate of Morehead State University with a master's degree in adult and higher education and is working on an education specialist degree from MSU. Pennie has more than five years of experience working with students and financial aid at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

Any questions or concerns related to the GoHigherKY.org website can be directed to Pennie at (502) 696-7495 or plittle@kheaa.com.



KASFAA workshops scheduled

The Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA) invites you to participate in the **2007 Effective Instructional Leadership Training Program** entitled "Avenues to Achievement." This free one-day workshop will enhance your knowledge of college financial aid programs, provide updates from ACT, and inform you of other important services for your students.

Ten sessions will be conducted throughout the state from **November 5 – 30**. Participants receive a certificate of attendance for six credit hours applicable toward Instructional Leadership Training requirements. You must be present for the entire program in order to receive your certificate.

Please check out the workshop locations, dates, agenda and **register on-line** at <http://www.kasfaa.com>—select the link "KY High School Counselor Workshop" on the left of the page. Registration is required for attendance; the registration deadline is November 1, 2007.

We look forward to seeing you in November!

Workshop Dates & Locations:

November 5.....	Murray
November 7.....	Madisonville
November 8.....	Bowling Green
November 9.....	Columbia
November 13.....	Midway
November 14.....	Morehead
November 15.....	Crestview Hills
November 16.....	Louisville
November 29.....	Barbourville
November 30.....	Prestonsburg

It's time for KEES award notices, error corrections

Fall is the time of year when students receive their annual KEES award notices from KHEAA. We hope this article helps ease any confusion you and your students may have, as well as give you some pointers that, if practiced throughout the school year, will allow a smoother reporting process next June.

KHEAA began mailing award notices to the 2007 graduating class in mid-August. The graduate notices contain a summary of students' complete KEES awards, including their GPAs for all four years of high school and highest ACT composite score. It is important to note **the amount of time for correcting errors on graduate records is limited** to the end of the first semester in college. After that, the KEES award is finalized and cannot be adjusted.

KHEAA will mail a letter and KEES brochure to the parents of this year's incoming freshman class in September. This mailing, sent on behalf of the Governor's Office, introduces KEES to students as they begin their high school careers and encourages them to study hard and make the best grades possible.

KEES award notices will also be mailed to this year's sophomores, juniors and seniors in September. These notices contain a summary of the student's cumulative KEES award earned through the end of the 2006-2007 academic year.

All KEES award notices advise students to contact their high school counselors if they find errors. Each school district has a designated KEES coordinator who has been assigned a user ID and password for accessing the KEES database. (Note: This is a different user ID and password than counselors use to certify Byrd Honors Scholarship applicants.) Counselors who are their district's designated KEES coordinator can make corrections to student records by logging into Zip Access at www.kheaa.com and choosing the KEES Student File Maintenance option from the high school homepage. Counselors who are not the designated



KEES Coordinator should forward their corrections to the district's designee.

Students can check their KEES awards any time by logging into Zip Access with their user ID and password. First-time Zip Access users will need to create their user ID and password by clicking the "register now" link in the log-in box on KHEAA's home page. Once the registration has been submitted, a confirmation e-mail is sent to the student confirming successful registration.

Since KHEAA does not print private information like SSN on our award notices, Zip Access is the best way for students to tell if their correct SSN has been reported. Zip Access will only display KEES award information when both the student's SSN and birth date provided during registration match what has been reported by the school district.

If errors are found in a student's SSN, please correct both the school's database as well as the KEES database. The student's SSN is used as the primary identifier for KEES. Keeping both databases updated prevents end-of-year reporting errors and helps ensure the student's new award information is correctly joined with prior-year information.

As always, feel free to direct any questions or concerns about KEES to the state program coordinator, Sheila Hilderbrand, at shilderbrand@kheaa.com or (800) 928-8926, ext. 7393.

Christine Dressler works in 15 western counties

As a way to get to know your outreach counselor, we are featuring Christine Dressler in this edition of the *Counselor Connection*. Different counselors will be featured in future editions.



Christine Dressler works with students, parents and counselors in 15 western Kentucky counties as an outreach counselor for KHEAA and The Student Loan People. The outreach program seeks to increase the state's college-going rate, tell Kentuckians about the advantages of continuing their education after high school and provide information about the agencies' services and financial aid programs.

Counties: Breckinridge, Butler, Daviess, Grayson, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Logan, McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Warren, Webster
Years of Service: 3.5

Professional Accomplishments: Dean's Institute for Educational Excellence, 1999–2002; Board Member for Warren Central Youth Services, 2006–2007.

Professional Goals: Serve on the Warren County Board of Education.

Educational Background: Cum laude graduate of the University of Memphis; graduate work at University of Memphis and Western Kentucky University

Hobbies: Cooking and sailing

Personal Motto or Favorite Quote: "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch." Garrison Keillor

Personal Hero: Dana Reeve, former activist and chairwoman for the Christopher Reeve foundation.

Kentucky Counseling Association Conference

Humor therapy, school violence and how to deal with introverts and extroverts will highlight the 50th annual conference of the Kentucky Counseling Association in Louisville October 23–26.

Dr. Marti Olsen Laney will present "Guess What? We Need to End Our Love Affair with Extroverts." Laney, a psychotherapist, is an introvert, while her husband is an extrovert. She will speak at the opening session, set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, at the Executive West. Her message is that organizations need introverts to balance the hectic activities of extroverts.

Jon Akers, executive director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety, will discuss school shootings in the general session, which begins at 10:30 a.m. on October 25. Akers, a former high school principal in Lexington, says that school safety depends in large part on the relationships between teachers and students.

Humor therapist Bob Mitchell will entertain counselors at the brunch and closing session, which begins at 10:30 a.m. on October 26. Mitchell has been named Kentucky's Social Worker of the Year and has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. His presentation will mix serious information, fun and music.

The Kentucky Counseling Association is an organization of counseling professionals who work in educational, health care, residential, private practice, community agency, government, business, and industry settings. KCA is a state branch of the American Counseling Association. Its mission is "to enhance human development throughout the life span and to promote public confidence and trust in the counseling profession." For more information or to register for the conference, visit the KCA website at www.kyca.org. Included with this *Counselor Connection* is a copy of the program agenda for this conference.

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Proudly presents the

50th Annual Conference Celebration

October 23-26, 2007

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STARRING:

- ★ Researcher, Educator, Author and Psychotherapist **DR. MARTI OLSEN LANEY**
- ★ Kentucky Center for School Safety Executive Director **MR. JON R. AKERS**
- ★ Humor Therapist.....**MR. ROBERT "BOB" MITCHELL**
- ★ Awards Celebration and Brunch! **KCA AWARD WINNERS**

Also, KCA proudly presents the

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October 23-24, Executive West, Louisville

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- ★ **DR. CONNIE CALLHAN** *Comprehensive Crisis Management and Safe School Planning (12 hours: October 23-24)*
- ★ **DR. GERALD SKLARE**..... *Advanced Training in Solution-Focused Brief Counseling (6 hours: October 24)*
- ★ **MS. LESLIE DUNN** *Bake "It", Burp "It", Shake "It" Up! Staying Power for a Rewarding Career! (6 hours: October 24)*
- ★ **MR. ROBERT "BOB" MITCHELL** *How to Stay Cool When the Heat is On: Essentials Related to Ethical Conduct, Professional Documentation and Stress Management (6 hours: October 24)*
- ★ **MR. JOHN LARUSCH**..... *Enhancing Mental Health Counseling: Strategies for Effective Communication at Work and Home (6 hours: October 24)*
- ★ **DR. MARTI OLSEN LANEY & MR. MICHAEL L. LANEY** *How to Create Rapport with Introverts and Extroverts: But First, Be Sure You Are Identifying "Innies" and "Outies" Accurately (6 hours: October 24)*
- ★ **DR. REBECCA L. FARRELL & MS. JENNY TEMPLETON**..... *Child and Adolescent Well-being: Implementing Techniques within a Positive Psychology Lens (3 hours: October 24)*
- ★ **MS. PAMELA KAYE GABBARD** *The Kentucky ILP and Career Cruising: Partners in Career Education (3 hours: October 24)*

ATTENTION LPCCs AND NCCs:

You can earn all 10 hours of your required CEUs at the KCA Conference by registering NOW!

LPCCs and NCCs have the opportunity to earn up to 10 hours of the required CEUs at the 2007 Annual KCA Conference! The conference schedule has been revised and expanded to provide counselors an affordable, one-stop professional development opportunity. **DON'T DELAY!!**

REGISTER IN AUGUST!!!! KCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE LOCATED IN THE KCA CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER ISSUE AND ON THE KCA WEB SITE AT WWW.KYCA.ORG; OR CALL 1.800.350.4522.